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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

FROM: Chief, Project HTAUTOMAT

SUBJECT: Possible Soviet Super Air Base Complexes

REFERENCES: (a) Cable [redacted], 29 Nov 1957  
(b) TS [redacted] Memo from Military Scientific Branch  
to Chief, HTA

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1. In response to a verbal request from [redacted] as stimulated by reference (a), the Military Scientific Branch has made a rapid survey of photo coverage and/or collateral information on the areas mentioned. Initial findings are reported in reference (b).

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2. Unless otherwise advised it will be assumed that these preliminary findings meet your initial requirements. If a more detailed analysis is desired I would suggest that OCI or OSI be designated as the primary responder with HTA to provide such supporting details as might be derived from our photographic holdings.

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Enclosures:

1. Copy of Ref. (a)
2. Copy of Ref. (b)

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1. [ ] CONFERRED WITH [ ] AND EXPERTS ON AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION.

CONCENTRATED ON BISON FIGURES. CLEAR THAT [ ] IS EXTREMELY  
FIRM ON PRODUCTION RATE OF NOT IN EXCESS OF THREE BISON A MONTH CURRENTLY.

25X1A A NEW FACT, OR THAT CLINCHES CASE IN [ ] VIEW, IS REPORT OF THREE VISITS BY

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OCT, ON EACH OF WHICH TIMES VISIBLE LIGHTS ON IN PLANT WERE SO FEW THAT PLANT  
COULD NOT BE WORKING SECOND SHIFT. AS TO EVIDENCE OF BISON PRODUCTION IN ANY  
OTHER PLANTS THEY EMPHATICALLY STATED ABSOLUTELY NONE WHATSOEVER. I AM MEETING

25X1A [ ] THIS AFTERNOON TO HEAR SUCH REBUTTAL AS HE MAY HAVE.

25X1A 2. [ ] THEN WENT ON TO PRESENT BRIEFING ON CONSTRUCTION OF SUPER AIR BASES  
AT GROSS DOLLN, CENTRAL KOLA, ANADYR, KAMACHATA AND SEVERAL OTHER PLACES IN  
WEST AND CENTRAL RUSSIA. BASED ON GROSS DOLLN AND OTHER EVIDENCE, CLEAR THAT  
THESE BASES OF UNPRECEDENTED SIZE, SELF-SUFFICIENCY, AND HARDNESS. EACH COMPLETE  
COVERING FUEL STORAGE, STANDS, PERSONNEL QUARTERS, ETC. COVERS AREA SEVEN BY  
FIVE MILES. RUNWAYS UPWARDS 12,000 FEET CONCRETE 40 CENTIMETERS THICK (CF 30  
CENTIMETERS NORMAL HEAVY BOMBER RUNWAY) TAXIWAYS TWO-ONE HALF TIMES AS WIDE AS

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REQUIRED BY BISON AND AT EACH 12 AND ONLY 12 EXTREMELY LARGE REVETTED HARD STANDS. TIME PERIOD CONSTRUCTION SEEMS AVERAGE SEVEN YEARS FOR THESE. FIRST STARTED EARLY 1952.

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3. [ ] ONCLUDES THAT THESE BEING READIED FOR PLANE CHARACTERISTICS OF WHICH THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS OF TODAY. I BELIEVE THIS EVIDENCE WELL WORTH STUDYING IN CONNECTION WITH APPARENT LOW LEVEL BISON PRODUCTION.

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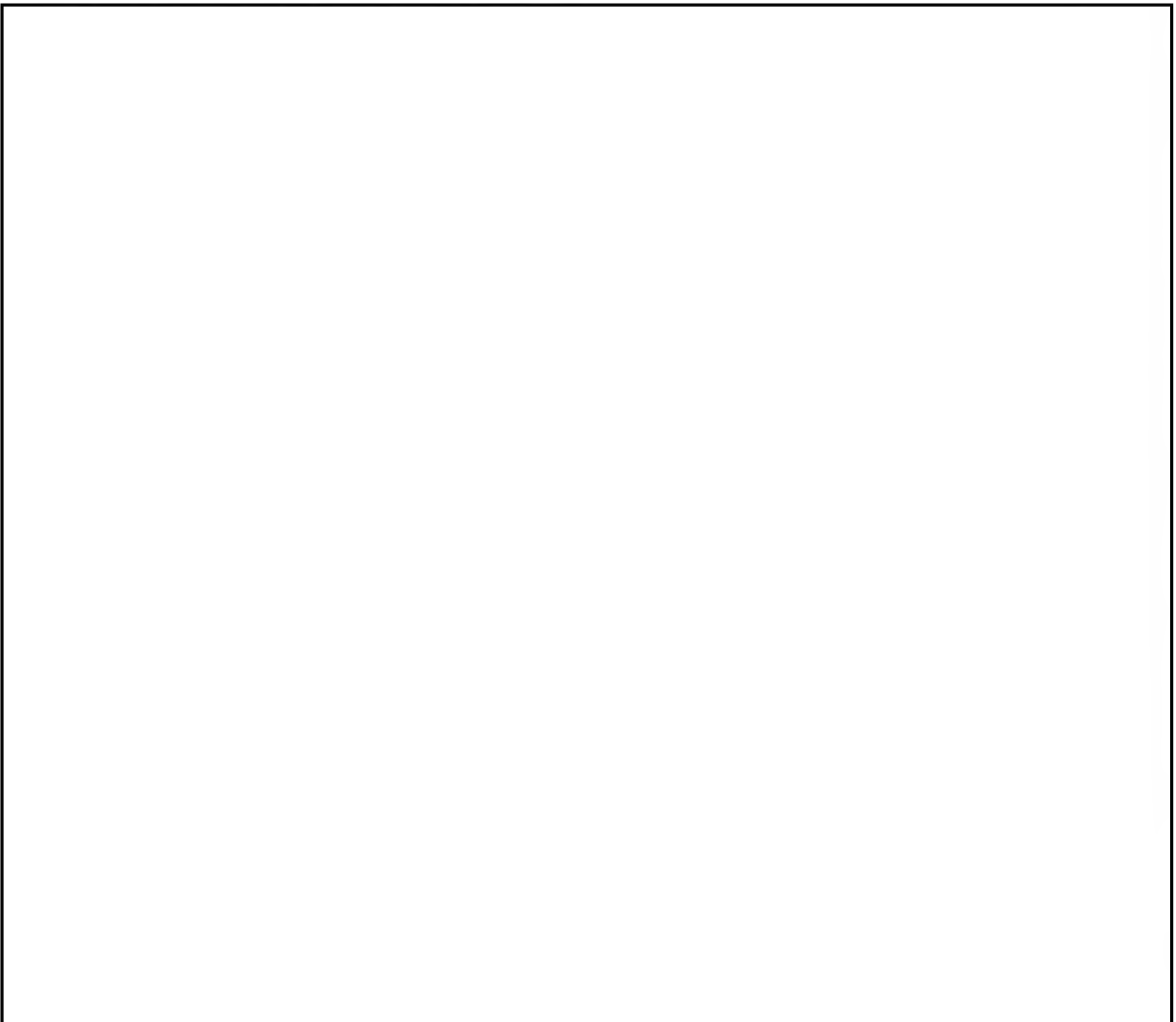
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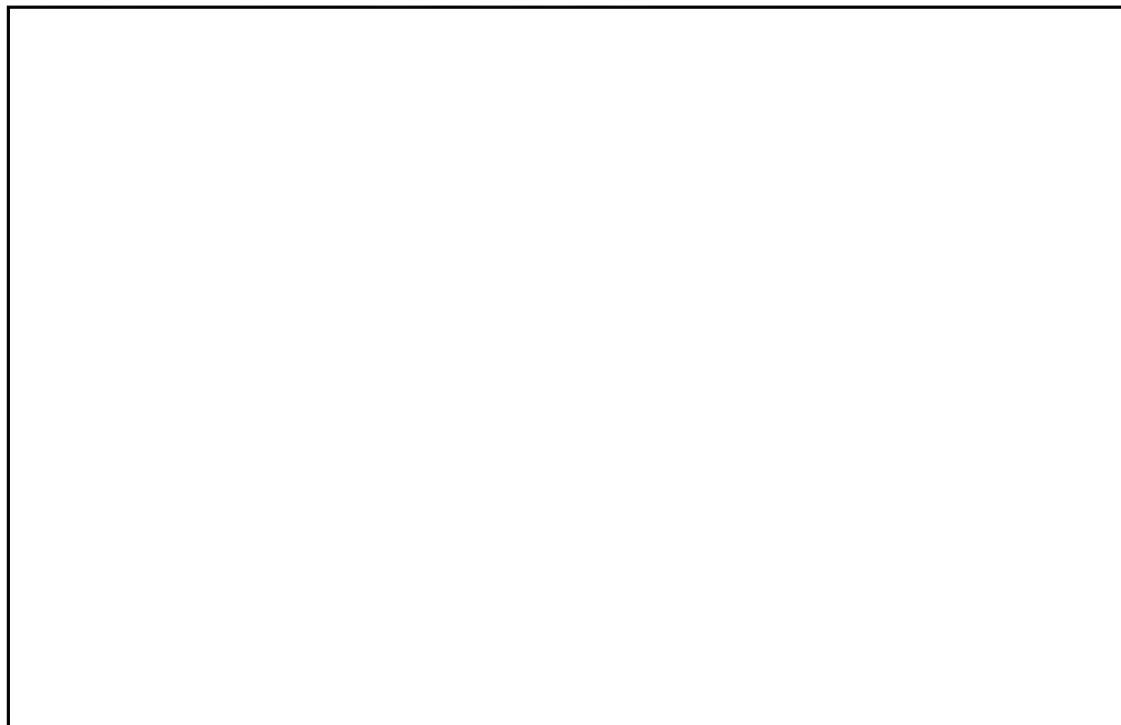
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**5. Chernyakhovsk A/F, east of Kaliningrad (54°36'N/21°47'E)**

**Single Runway - 12,000' x 260'**

**NOTE:** There may be more information available to us on this A/F, but it has not been checked out yet, except in Air Facilities and Airfields and Seaplane Stations of the World.

**USSR**

**6. Oleniya A/F, Kola Peninsula (68°09'N/33°28'E)**

**Single Runway - 11,500' x 280'**

**Taxiways - Not dimensioned**

**Special Loading Facility -** There is a revetted hardstand with a probable leading pit. This facility is not like the facilities at Orsha, Minsk or Stry.

**Special-Purpose Buildings -** There is a drive-thru building in the support area, with a good road leading into the taxiway system.

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Status of Construction - Runway appears completed, but support facilities were still under construction in

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7. Amderma A/F, Far North (69°46'N/61°35'E) \*

8. Lugovoye A/F, SW of Balkash (42°55'N/72°43'E)

Concrete Runway - 7,000' x 200'

Earth Runway - 15,000' long

No other information. Not sure, but believe that earth runway will be concreted eventually.

9. Tiksi A/F, Far North (71°41'N/128°53'E)\*

10. Mys Schmidta A/F, Far North (68°53'N/179°24'E)\*

11. Anadyr/Leninka A/F, Far East (64°44'N/177°45'E)

Runway - 13,000', no other information, report not immediately available.

12. Kozrevsk A/F, Kamchatka Peninsula (approx. 56°N/159°E)

Covered by  Construction stage in  appeared preliminary and dormant. In  work had been resumed. Length of clearing makes it appear that runway will be in excess of 10,000'.

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\*No information is readily available on numbers 7, 9 and 10, since, the material has been drawn by special request of another CIA component. However, those airfields reportedly have long runways.

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